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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A T38 client driver system comprising:
a client having a T38 protocol client driver that is operable to support a fax over Internet protocol session;
a first Internet service provider, the client connects to the first Internet service provider;
a second Internet service provider that is operable to support a T38 protocol;
an Internet protocol network, the first Internet service provider and the second Internet service provider are communicatively coupled via the Internet protocol network;
a telephone network provider;
a fax machine that is operable to be communicatively coupled to the second Internet service provider via the telephone network provider;
a fax over Internet protocol session is maintained between the client and the fax machine via the first Internet service provider, the Internet protocol network, the second Internet service provider, and the telephone network provider; and
the client maintains the fax over Internet protocol session with the fax machine using the T38 protocol client driver.
2. (Original) The T38 client driver system of claim 1, wherein the client comprises a memory; and
the T38 protocol driver is contained in the memory.
3. (Original) The T38 client driver system of claim 1, wherein the Internet protocol network comprises a private network that is operable using an Internet protocol.
4. (Original) The T38 client driver system of claim 1, wherein the client connects to the first Internet service provider using an integrated services digital network.
5. (Original) The T38 client driver system of claim 1, wherein the client connects to the first Internet service provider using an asymmetric digital subscriber line.

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6. (Original) The T38 client driver system of claim 1, wherein the client is operable to maintain at least one additional Internet protocol session.

7. (Original) The T38 client driver system of claim 1, wherein the client comprises a laptop computer.

8. (Original) The T38 client driver system of claim 1, wherein the client comprises a modem having a firmware; and
the T38 protocol client driver is contained within the firmware.

9. (Previously presented) A system for transmitting faxes, comprising:
a personal computer client having a modem that is compatible with a fax over Internet protocol client driver that is supporting a fax over Internet protocol session;
a first Internet service provider that is not a fax gateway, the personal computer client connects to the first Internet service provider using the modem and the fax over Internet protocol client driver;
a second Internet service provider;
a fax machine communicatively coupled to the second Internet service provider; and
the personal computer client maintains a fax over Internet protocol session with the fax machine using the fax over Internet protocol client driver, and the personal computer client is not the first Internet service provider.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the personal computer client maintains at least one additional Internet protocol session over the connection with the first Internet service provider without switching between modes.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the Internet protocol network comprises the Internet.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the Internet protocol network comprises a private network that is operable using an Internet protocol.

Claim 13 (cancelled).

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14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the fax over Internet protocol comprises a T38 protocol.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the personal computer client connects to the first Internet service provider using a public switched telecommunications network.

16. (Currently amended) A method to support a fax over Internet protocol session, the method comprising:

connecting a client to a first Internet service provider that does not need to include fax over [[IP]] Internet protocol functionality over a first connection, the client comprises a fax over Internet protocol client driver that is operable to support a fax over Internet protocol session;

establishing a second connection between the first Internet service provider and a second Internet service provider via an Internet protocol network;

the second Internet service provider establishes a third connection with a fax machine; and

transmitting a fax from the client to the fax machine using a fax over Internet protocol session that is supported by the fax over Internet protocol client driver of the client via the first connection, the second connection, and the third connection.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the first connection comprises an asymmetric digital subscriber line.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the client comprises at least one additional fax machine, the at least one additional fax machine comprises an Internet capable fax machine.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the Internet protocol network comprises a private network that is operable using an Internet protocol.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising supporting at least one additional Internet protocol session.

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21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9 wherein the modem supports data communications over one or more of the group comprising a public switched telephone connection, a digital subscriber line connection, and an integrated services digital network connection.